SRI N. CHIKKE GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture and Animal Husbandry):—

(*a*) Yes. The Government had made a submission in the High Court of Karnataka that the cases of the writ petitioners for promotion to the cadre of Agricultural Extension Officers with effect from the dates on which their juniors were promoted would be considered, if found fit in all respects.

(*b*) The Government did ever before the High Court that the cases of all similary placed Extension Officers would also be reviewed and considered if found fit.

(*c*) The Government have had to examine in detail the implication of the orders of the High Court. Cases of not only the Panchayat Extension Officers and Social Education Organisers were involved in the matter. The whole matter has been considered and the D.A, has been directed to review the promotions so far made from the cadre of Gramasevaks to the cadre of vorious Extension Officers that all persons eligible and suitable for promotion as Agricultural Extension Officers should be promoted as such keeping in view the overall vacancy position prevailing from time to time and in accordance with the existing C and R rules at that time.

(*d*) The matter will be disposed of as expeditiously possible.

*Dairy Plant at Bellary*

617. SRI H. LINGAREDDY (Kurugodu)—

Will the Minister of State for Animal Husbandry be pleased to State:—

(*a*) whether Government is aware that there is urgent need of a dairy plant at Bellary;

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(*b*) if so, the action taken in that behalf?

SRI DEVENDRAPPA GHALAPPA (Minister of State for Animal Husbandry).

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A rural Dairy Centre at Bellary has been sanctioned and the scheme has started working with effect from 22nd December 1972 The erection work o the equipment is in progress, which is to be commissioned shortly. The required equipments like, milk can etc., have been provided. The handling of milk has already been started with effect from 19th December 1974. At present 200 litres of milk is being handled per day. Hence, after the unit reaches the targetted capacity of 4,000 litres of milk per day, action will be taken to establish a dairy plant at Bellary.

* *Kagna Project*

640. SRI J. P. SARWESH (Sedam)—

Will the Minister of State for Major and Medium Irrigation be pleased to state:—

[*a*] whether there is any proposal before the Government for revising the estimate of Kanga Project to take up the work on a smaller scale;

[*b*] if so, whether the Government would take up this project in the Fifth Five Year Plan?

SRI SUBHASH ASTHURE (Minister of Sta e for Major and Medium Irrigation).:—

[*a*] This project is under investigation and alternatives are under study.

[*b*] This will be considered on finalisation of Project Report.